HEIDI "OTTO" SWARTZ (BI '87) has completed her schooling at Eton Technical Institute in Federal Way, Wash. She graduated in the Pharmacy Technician program and has passed the state board tests. After applying for a Level A Pharmacy Technician Certificate she will have a new career. Congratulations!

Jeff (ME '88) and Dawn "Gregg" (ME '88) Pearson announce the birth of Elijah Brent on 11/17/99. He joins Gabrielle, 9, and Isaac, 6.

ALEX KUVSHINIKOV (ETAT '88) and his wife, **BETH**, have adopted two boys, Aleksei and Nikolai. The Kuvshinikovs are currently in China on assignment with Motorola.

BRENT (WE '88) and **LISA WIDDER** now have three children. Their daughter, Taylor Rae, was born 9/6/99. Their other children are Connor, 4, and Hailey, 3.

John Andersen (CSE '89) lives in Bellaire, Texas, where he has opened a business called John Andersen & Co., a computer consulting service. You can contact him at johnandersEn.com

ALLAN (AMT '89) and **AMANDA GRIFFIN** have a second daughter. Maya Kathryn Griffin was born 1/4/00 weighing 7lbs 8oz and was 20 in. long. She was welcomed home by sister, Haven.

BILL PANAGOTOPULOS (ET '89) sent an announcement of the birth of his third child. Bill's wife, Karen gave birth to Nicholas Peter Panagotopulos on 7/8/99. He joins sisters Erin, 5, and Christine, 2. The Panagotopolus clan lives in South Jersey where they say life is never boring.

WENDY PAVER (ATBS '89) now works as a pilot for Ford Motor Corporation.

DAN (ME '89) and **KAREN ROHRBACH** now have two boys. Peter Andres Rohrbach was born 12/3/99.

MARK SHODEEN (ATBS '89) married **AUGUSTINE MACKAY** on 11/6/99 in St. Louis, Missouri. They currently live in Dallas, Texas.

RICHARD (IM '83) and **AMBER BEST** announce the birth of Lorian Noelle on 8/19/99. She was welcomed home by sister Logan and grandparents, J.C. and Beverly Harder.

JOEL HEDGPETH (ATBS '86) received a promotion last summer to Flight Safety Investigator for United Parcel Service. The promotion will allow him to pursue his Aviation Safety Investigator's certificate.

KIMBERLY "LIMBACHER" RUSSELL ('86) has completed her Ed.D. She will graduate in May with a doctorate of Education in Higher Education Administration and a minor in Economics from the University of North Texas. Kim is an Executive Vice President at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. Kim and husband, Mark, live in Longview, Texas with their daughter, Kate.

KEN (ATBS '87) and **SHERRY EAVES** announce the birth of Kyndall Brooke Eaves on 11/15/99.

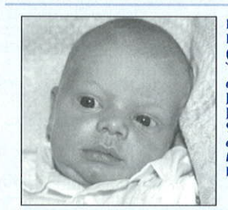
SAM (ME '87) and **LISA "SCHMIDT" (EE '88) SKIELNIK** announce the birth of Joshua William Skielnik on 7/20/99. They report that in March Joshua underwent surgery to correct a cleft palate and he is doing well.

90's

JEFF LAWTON (CHBS '90) and **ANNA PING XU** were married on 10/16/99 in Houston, Texas. Jeff is doing post graduate research at University of California in LaJolla, Calif.

Glenn (ATBS '90) and Sheila Butts celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 6/22/99. The Butts family live in Escanaba, Mich. where Glenn works for a bank as a corporate pilot flying a twin engine Piper chieftain. They have four children and two grandchildren.

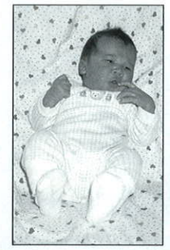
Rebecca "Holladay" Robinson (EN '90) and her husband, Bill, live in Deport, Texas. They have two sons, Elija Quinn born 8/30/99, and Emory, 4.



Dan (EE'90) and Lara "Wallace" (CSMA '91) Rose `announce the birth of their first son, Jarek Clark Rose. Jared was born 9/15/99 and was eagerly welcomed home by sisters Emily and Marci.

DOUG (ME '91) and **STARR "PITTS" (BY '91)** Anderson had a baby boy on 5/15/99. Chance Wilhelm Anderson is their first baby.

CHIP (ATBS '91) and **MELANIE NAGEL** live in Maryland where Chip is a pilot with USAirways. They have two children; a son, Brook and daughter, Allison.



Kevin (CSE '91) and Jodi Penner announce the adoption of Miranda Jo Penner on 2/10/00. Miranda was born 1/24/00.

WES (WE '92) and **RUBYALLYN "BECKWITH" ('92)** Cross announce the birth of Jared Beck Cross on 5/25/99. He joins older brother Seth. The Cross family lives in York, Penn. Where Wes works as a Welding Engineer for Precision Components Corporation.

JOSEPH (WE '92) and **JANA HEGE** announce the birth of Joshua Davis Hege born 7/6/99. He joins brother Caleb, 3.

ANITA "GLASS" ('92) and **MATTHEW PRAZAK** announce the birth of Samantha Fay born 5/25/99. Samantha joins brothers Matt and Curtis.

WES CROSS (WE '92) has a new job as Welding Engineer for Precision Components Corporation.

MARC DAGGETT (ATBS '92) is now living in Haiti where he works for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

JEFF (ATBS '92) and **DEB "ARCHER" ('92A) MANSFIELD** announce the birth of their second daughter, Grae Mansfield, born 11/19/99.

Gary (ATBS '92) and Carolyn Miller and their two children are in Timisoara, Romania where they work as missionaries with Educational Services International.

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Rebecca Miller ('92A) married Pontus Karnsund on 9/25/99 at Camp Seven Oaks Spain. The Karnsunds live in Sweden where Pontus is preparing for the ministry. Rebecca is the daughter of former LeTourneau Missionary in Residence, John and Linda Miller.

MARK (AC'92) and **JULIE MYERS** announce the birth of Tracie Leigh-Ann Myers on 12/27/99. The Myers live in Annandale, Va. where Mark works for the US Dept of Veterans Affairs.

KARYN THOMPSON (DT'92) married **MALCOLM DAVIES,** originally of Cilcennin, Wales, UK on 11/27/99. Both Karyn and Malcolm work for AT&T and live in Renton, Wash.

Adam (ATBS '92) and Lyndy White are returning to Alaska to work with KIAM Radio.

CHRIS (ATBS '93) and **AMBER BENA** have moved to Vancouver, Wash. where Chris works for SkyWest Airlines as a pilot.

DOUG BROWN (ATBS '93) has been promoted to Assistant Dispatcher with Southwest Airlines. Doug and his wife of two years, Lisa, live in Grapevine, Texas.

ROB BRYANT (BSBM/MBA '93) is traveling and speaking all over the country through Rob Bryant Ministries. Visit Rob's web site at http://members.aol.com/guiness529 and get an update on what his ministry.

SCOTT (AMT/BSBM '93) and **MONTI CHANNON** have moved their family to Venezuela where they work with MAF.

On 11/16/99, **THOMAS (CSE/MABS '93)** and **MYONG "BAIK" RAMIREZ (CS/MABS '93)** had their second child, Gracy Elizabeth Ramirez. Older sister Anna welcomed her home.

Steve (ATBS '93) and Amy (BUBS '93) "Shepherd" Ratzlaff announce the arrival of their second son. Caleb Wayne Ratzlaff was born 1/20/00 and was welcomed home by big brother, Brady. The Ratzlaffs live in Thomasville, Georgia where Steve is a Pilot for Flowers Industries.

BLAKE (BUBS '93) and **MARCY (MK '93) "THREW" YORK** live in Plano, Texas where they started their own company. ELink Systems provides computer repair, upgrade and Internet services. You can find more information at www.elinksystems.com

JEFF (EE '93) and **JENELLE "ARMSTRONG" (ME '93) PIEPMEIER** both graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with their Ph.D. Jeff received his doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Jenelle's doctorate was in Mechanical Engineering. They now live in Maryland where Jeff works at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center and Jenelle is an Assistant Professor at the US Naval Academy. Jenelle is the daughter of LU professor Dr. Stephen Armstrong and his wife, Pam.

MARILYN BERRY (BSBM '94) lives in Oak Point, Texas where she works for AiC as a Branch Quality Manager. If you look for Marilyn in the last Alumni Directory you won't find her. Marilyn was mistakenly listed under the last name Merry. Sorry Marilyn!

MICHAEL (BUAU '94) and **ANI BROWN** live in Arkansas with daughter Joy, born 11/19/98. Michael won the '99 Solotime Midwest Divisional Solo2 Championship in H-Stock in a 1997 Suzuki Swift GA. He qualified for national championships in Topeka, Kansas and hopes to compete in the FIA World Rally.

SAM GOFORTH (BSBM '94) retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company one year ago. Since then, he has taught Digital Circuit Technology at SBC's Center for Learning in Irving, Texas.

Mark (EE '94) and Tami Norwood now live in Beaverton, Oregon with their daughter Lindsey Ranell, born 12/28/98.

Bruce (ME '94) and Candace "Brown" (HIPL '94) Beatham announce the arrival of Nathaniel Philip on 11/15/99. His big brother, Jeremiah, welcomed him home. The Beathams currently live in Dallas, Texas where they are in training with Wycliffe Bible Translators for assignment to Mexico. You can contact them at bruce-candice_beatham@sil.org

JOEL KOBLICH (EE/WE '94) earned his Professional Engineering Certification (P.E.) in 1999. Congratulations Joel!

CHRIS BOOTH (BSBM '95) graduated from both the University of Houston's School of Law and College of Business this past summer. He earned the degrees of Master in Business Management and Juris Doctorate. He was also awarded the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. Chris and wife, Becky, live in Beaumont, Texas where he is an associate with the law firm of Mehaffy and Weger.

DEAN (ATBS '95) and **RENATE DEKOSTER** have moved to Florida where Dean works for Lynx Air International. The have one daughter, Kristina Maria, who will be one year old on 5/2/00 and an older son, Andi.

MYRON FANTON (EE '95) and **VALERIE CLEMENS** were married 6/12/99 in Alsiip, Illinois.

Joe (ATFL '95) and Beth Farmer announce the birth of Matthew Allen on 10/4/99.

KEV (ME '95) and **KERRY YACOUBIAN** live in Georgia with their two daughters, Laura, 3 yrs. and Heidi Grace who will one year old on 5/19/00. Kev is an engineer with Blue Bird Corporation.

PHILIP (ET '95) and **JOANNA GOODWIN** announce the arrival of son Richard Paul Goodwin on 8/28/99.

DAN (MT '95) and **ALICIA MARLOWE** have a baby daughter! Natalie Joy was born 12/18/99. Dan currently works for UNOCAL Oil & Gas in Alaska managing their chemical treatment programs.

Matt (ATBS'95) and Beth (CSMA'94) "Paschal" Ruwe are glad to announce the birth of Jacob Noah Ruwe on 2/8/00. Beth also earned her Masters of Science in Computer Information Systems from Regis University in Denver, Colo. in August 1999.

DALE (ME/WE '95) and **STEPHANIE "KUIKEN" (ACCT/BUBS '95) WEATHINGTON** have a new addition to the family. Robert Cade was born 7/15/99 in Taipei Taiwan. He was welcomed home by big brother, Tre.

SUNNI BOREN (BYBS '96) is marrying **NATHAN ATKINSON** on 5/6/00 at First Assembly of God in Overton, Texas. Sunni will also graduate in May from Texas A&M University College of Medicine and begin an OB/GYN residency at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas

FORREST (BSBM/AMT '96) and **TAVIA HINKLE** have added another "arrow" to their quiver. Paul Wesley Hinkle was born 1/19/00. He joins siblings, Ian, 13, Micah, 11, Devin, 11, Morgan, 9, and Daniel, 7.

ADAM BUCHER (ATDT '96) recently graduated from Friends University with a Masters of Management in Information System.

JON (ME '96) and **SYLVIA (ME '96) "STERLING" CARUVANA** announce the arrival of their daughter, Synthia Lura Caruvana on 1/6/00.

TERRY (BSBM '96) and **MELODY GUNN** live in Houston, Texas with their son, Michael Warren, born 8/4/99 and older daughter, Kayla. Terry works for the City of Houston Right of Way Agency.

ALAN (ATFL '97) and **JENIFER COON** have a third daughter. Madeline Emma Claire Coon arrived 9/3/99 and was welcomed by sisters, Meredith and Elisabeth. Alan is currently stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky where he is a member of the elite Special Operations unit which maintains Chinook helicopters.

Brian Harrison (BSBM '96) has been promoted to the position of Vice President for cane operations for the Imperial Sugar Company in Sugar Land, Texas. Brian joined the Imperial Sugar Company in 1980 as a process engineer. He and his wife, Connie, live in Richmond, Texas.

BEN (ATBU '96) and **MARLI "GRAFF" (BYBS '97) HICKIN** have a second son. Robert Alexander "Bow" joined their family on 11/30/99. His big brother is called "Tie".

JON (ATFL '96) and **MINDY KROESCHE** were married in August 1999. They live in Sioux Falls, SD where Jon is a pilot.

LEONARD PRATER (MABA '96) married **DEENA SHAMBURGER** on 4/25/98. Leonard is currently working on his Master of Arts degree in Christian Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Becky Renfro (BSBM '96) has been named Vice President of Renfro Foods. Renfro Foods is a Fort Worth-based family-owned manufacturer of salsa, sauces and relishes. The company celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

STEVE RUNDUS (ME '96) is now working as a Powertrain Systems Engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan.

GEORGE SPARKS (BSBM '96) married **PAMELA BROWN** in November 1998 and currently works as a Systems Analyst consultant in Houston, Texas. He will graduate this May with his MBA from LeTourneau University, Houston campus.

APRIL "MIRACLE"(EN '96) and **DANIEL WILLIAMS** announce the arrival of their first child. Daughter Mikaila Riley Williams was born 3/9/00 in Longview, Texas.

REBECCA DIROLL (EE '97) currently works at Motorola in Northbrook, Illinois on the Mercedes-Benz USA ECALL2.

JEREMIAH FEENSTRA (BYBS '97) recently passed the national certification for perfusion. He is now a Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) and works for Advanced Medical Resources in Houston, Texas.

REBEKAH "BALL" MARTINEZ (HIPL '97) is an Environmental Resources Coordinator for the East Texas Council of Governments in Kilgore, Texas.

RICHARD (IM '98) and **DEBBIE FOSTER** live in Penn. With their two boys, Ethan and Matthew. Richard has worked for Cardone Industries for 10 years where he leads corporate manufacturing efforts. He is currently working on bringing the first remanufactured automotive strut to the market.

RYAN SCOTT (MT '98) and **KATIE ADAMS** were married 12/18/99 in Colorado.

CHRISTOPHER CLARK (ATFL '98) is planning to travel this summer with the Continental Singers. The singers will be touring 16 states and Australia!

REBECCA FINGER (BYBS '98) recently returned from Honduras where she helped start a new church. She reports that God is working among the people of Honduras in a mighty way since the tragedy of hurricane Mitch.

DEAN CONNER (PSYC '98) married **JESSICA FRICKS** 1/24/00 in Golden, Colo. Dean is now the Station Controller for Air Wisconsin.

SETH NORTON (ME/WE '98) and **SHILOH TERRELL (BI '99)** were married 8/7/99 in Longview, Texas. They now reside in Columbus, Ohio where Seth is pursuing a graduate degree in Welding Engineering at Ohio State University.

Margaret Elaine Roberts (BSBM '98) passed away on 2/20/00 in Longview, Texas. In 1998 both she and her daughter, Kim, graduated from LeTourneau University with degrees in business management. Her husband, Bob, survives Margaret.

PAUL ULICI ('98 CSE) and **GEORGETA DRAGAN** were married on 1/8/00 in Bothell, Wash. You can contact them at ulicip@cnw.com if you have any job offers, since they are both looking for work.

Chris (EN '98) and BettyLynn Ulrich have a second son. Daniel Paul-David Ulrich was born 3/10/00 and joined big brother James. Dad, Chris works with HealthCare Cable Systems as Systems Manager.

SALEM JAMES (EN '99) and **MATT BRACKIN** were married 4/22/00 in Houston, Texas.

DERWIN SMALLS (BSBM '99) is part owner of a minority owned Internet service provider, named IS Highway. IS Highway currently has Dallas Metro and New York dial up numbers and intends to be a national ISP by the end of 2000.

ALAN STEFFENS (EE '99) has been a Student Intern at Oakridge National Labs in Tennessee. He plans to enter University of Tennessee to get a Masters in Metallurgical Engineering.

DENNIS TWETEN (ME '99) and **KIMBERLY DAHARSH (ME '98)** were married on 11/20/99. They now live in Wichita, Kan. where they both work for Cessna Aircraft Company.

AARON WHITE (ASAS '99) and **STEPHANIE COOKE (DT '99)** were married 3/18/0 and now reside in Oregon.

KATHRYN WILSON (PSYS '99) and **JERAMY MCPHETRIDGE (PSYS '00)** were married on 3/11/00 in Longview, Texas at the Greggton First Baptist Church.

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ALUMNI EVENTS FOR 2000

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May 19 .....Alumni & Friends Pig Roast & Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Townsend Auditorium JAARS Center Waxhaw, North Carolina

June 30 .....Dallas LEAP/GACS Reunion for Class of 1995 Dallas, Texas

June 10.....Houston LEAP/GACS Reunion for Class of 1995 Houston, Texas

July 15 .....Alumni Gathering at the East Texas Balloon Race LeTourneau University Hangar at Gregg Country Airport Longview, Texas

July 29 ..... Alumni Dinner at EAA Air Show Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Sept. 25-Oct. 6 .....Phonathon 2000

October 21.....Friends of LeTourneau Dinner 6:00 p.m. Willow Valley Resort Lancaster, PA

October 27-29 .....Homecoming 2000! Honoring the classes of 1950, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95 Friday night concert with top Christian artist Saturday evening banquet.

The 1999-2000 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees: (l. to r.), Elton Harvey, Dave Busenitz, Mike Fratkze, Jesse Low and Terry Zeitlow.

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Five Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Four stand-out varsity players and a former coach were inducted as the newest members of the LeTourneau University Athletic Hall of Fame.

The inductees included:

* **ELTON HARVEY** (basketball player, 1947-49). Harvey played on the first cage teams and was in the first graduation class at LeTourneau. He averaged 14.8 points his final season and served as team captain for two years.
* **DAVE BUSENITZ** (soccer player, 1981-85). Busenitz earned NCCAA All-American honors as a senior, and in both his sophomore and senior season led the YellowJackets in goals, assists and points.
* **MIKE FRATZKE** (basketball coach and AD, 1976-76 and 1978-81). Fratzke won 58 games in his coaching career with the Jackets. In 1980-81, his team was NCCAA District 6 champion and he was the district's Coach of the year.
* **JESSE LOW** (baseball pitcher, 1979-83) Low holds several baseball records, including career appearances (60), career strikeouts (241) and career earned run average (2.76).
* **TERRY ZEITLOW** (basketball player 1983-87. Zeitlow averaged 29.2 points his senior year and averaged 22.4 career. He set six other season or career marks which were records.

The Hall of Fame

Class of 1997

George Dunham, 1985-89, Baseball; **Brad Erickstad**, 1977-81, Cross Country; **Bonnie White**, 1974-78, Basketball; **Chris Maier**, 1946-47, First Basketball Coach; **Stan Watne**, 1972-76, Wrestling; **Dave Stolzfus**, 1974-78, Soccer; **Sarah Johnson Olson**, 1985-88, Volleyball.

Class of 1999

Ken Roden, 19 years, Cross Country Coach; **Bobbie Barnes**, 1983-87, Volleyball; **Ross Beans**, 1973-78, Wrestling; **Vernon Williams**, 1954-61, Basketball Coach.

Class of 2000

Mike Fratzke, 1975-76, 1978-81, Basketball Coach/AD; **Terry Zietlow**, 1983-87, Basketball; **Elton Harvey**, 1947-49, Basketball; **Dave Busenitz**, 1981-85; Soccer; **Jesse Low**, 1981-85, Baseball.

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dr. Ken Durham, Chairman; Drew Coleman, Sarah Olson, Bryan Benson, Roger Erickstad, Bernie Balikian, Dr. Ken Roden.

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By John Inman, Sports Information Director

basketball

The LadyJackets came within a game of reaching the NCCAA National Tournament for the third time in four years, but had to take a backseat to rival East Texas Baptist in the finals of the Central Regional tourney. Still, the ladies finished with a 14-12 record and earned a fourth-place finish in the American Southwest Conference's East Division.

Junior Lexie Coulter led the team scoring and assists, while Rhonda Richardson topped the team in rebounding and set a single-game record with 20 boards against the University of Massachusetts-Boston in the first game back from the holiday break. Richardson, Sondra Reynolds, Courtney Warner and Tiffany Messenger closed out their LadyJacket careers in the regional event.

Coulter and Richardson garnered postseason honors. Coulter was an East-Division first-team selection and a second-team NCCAA All-America choice and Richardson was chosen to the NCCAA All-America first team.

The YellowJackets, despite a solid start, finished 6-18 and lost several very close contests in the ASC race. Senior Brian Pace led the team in scoring and assists and was selected to the All-East Division and NCCAA Central Regional first teams. Also completing Jacket careers were Steven Cyrus and Mark Malone.

baseball

Coach Robert Riggs made his collegiate head coaching debut against Hendrix (AR) College in fine fashion when the YellowJackets collected a 17-9 triumph.

Although the team is small in numbers, it put some big numbers on the scoreboard 14-0 over Texas College, 17-7 over Jarvis Christian and an impressive 20-8, 21-hit triumph on the road over defending ASC champion Sul Ross State.

There were also some impressive individual performances, like an eight-RBI, 6-for-7 day by Jason Swann at Sul Ross, a combined Jeremy Lisenbe-Coby Gipson-Pat Brown-Swann no-hitter against Texas College and a sterling, 2-0, no-hit gem by Paul Williams against Mississippi College.

At press time, the YellowJackets were 12-17 overall and 2-4 in ASC play.

Swann was among the ASC's leaders with a .439 average, and Pat Brown was second among stolen-base leaders with 14 in 16 attempts.

tennis

Both the men and women, coached by Pedro Blanco, won their first matches ever this season, and at press time the women were 4-3 and contending for an ASC Tournament berth with a 2-1 record. The women won against Austin College February 12, and the men captured their first victory over the University of Texas-Dallas March 3.

Freshman Amanda Davis and sophomore Ben Scott have been team leaders. The women's team consisted of Erin Kryger, Kendra Martin, Kara Johnson, Emily Briggs, Alison Loving and Davis, while Scott was joined by Andy Seals, Mark Espeland, Drew Livingood, Chris Waskey and Scott Beecher.

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golf

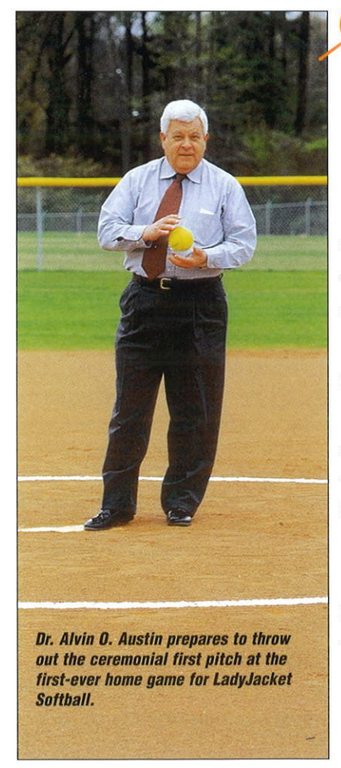
The golf team, coached by Andy Woodring, made its debut last fall and has been officially playing this spring and trying to qualify for the American Southwest Conference Tournament.

Comprising the men's team are John Klune, Doug Childs, Andrew Sloma, Dave Hoye, Gary Cain, Tyson Fenton and Brian Pace. Klune tied for 28th in the St. Edward's Spring Invitational with an 81-80--161 showing.

Playing on the women's team are Courtney Warner, Becky Biggs, Andrea Kirkindall, Erin Gambill and Megan Stirling.

LadyJackets

The 2000 Inaugural LadyJacket Softball team cheers as the first-ever home game gets underway. Pictured at the far right is Head Coach Natalie Alred.



Dr. Alvin O. Austin prepares to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the first-ever home game for LadyJacket Softball.

Softball

"A team of our own." Softball Makes Its Debut

LeTourneau has a new varsity team, Women's Softball. Coached by Natalie Alred, who also is the head coach for women's volleyball, the 12-member LadyJacket Softball squad will play a full season in the American Southwest Conference.

LeTourneau is affiliated with the NCAA Division III and the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association.)

Women's Softball is the 13th varsity team at LU, and the 6th new varsity team introduced in the past two years. It joins men's and women's golf, also introduced this year, men's and women's tennis, introduced last year, and women's soccer, also introduced in the 1998-1999 season.

Other varsity teams include men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, men's and women's cross-country, and women's volleyball.

Catcher Hannah Leathe joins in the flag salute.

2000 LadyJacket Softball Roster

Alicia Alexander, OF, Soph., Business Administration, Fort Worth, Texas

Lacey Ames, INF, Soph., Psychology, Longview, Texas

Elizabeth Anderson, INF, Fresh., Computer Science, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.

Sandra Botello, OF, Fresh., Education, Elysian Fields, Texas

Lexie Coulter, INF, Jun., Business Administration, Winona, Texas

Trina Gooch, OF/IB, Soph., Elementary Education, Kilgore, Texas

Brook Gregory, OF, Fresh., Pre-Med, Longview, Texas

Julie Laurence, INF, Jun., Physical Education, Slocum, Texas

Hannah Leathe, C/1B, Fresh., Mechanical Engineering, Hempstead, Texas

Kiana Markham, OF, Senior, Business Administration, Soldotna, Alaska

Heather Newton, 3B, Fresh., Sports Management, Flower Mound, Texas

Holly Sartor, OF, Fresh., Physical Education, Kilgore, Texas

Jessica Smith, INF, Soph., Undecided, Woodland, Wash.

Kelly Smith, OF, Soph., Elementary Education, Katy, Texas

Joy Stidham, P/SS, Fresh., Psychology, Payson, Ariz.

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In memory of
Craig Nimmo
Tana Nimmo

In memory of
Mrs. Odessa Carter
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt

In memory of
Mr. and Mrs. R.G. LeTourneau
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whitfield

In memory of
Mrs. Lois Mann
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nisbett

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Mr. and Mrs. Bud Otis

In memory of
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In memory of
Vic Roach
Mr. & Mrs. Bud Otis

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A PASSION TO BE LIKE CHRIST

A memorial to the life of John O'Sullivan, Jr.

PEOPLE Make the Difference

Who has had the greatest impact on your life?

For many L.U. students and alumni, the answer would be John O'Sullivan, Jr., a Longview physical therapist who quietly changed the lives of all around him.

John O'Sullivan, Jr. passed away at age 45 after a lengthy battle with cancer. The powerful testimony of his life still resonates on campus and will have an eternal impact.

Engineering professor Dr. Bill Thrasher taught a college Sunday School class with John. "John had a real love for the Lord. It was his passion to be like Christ. Even during his illness, his focus was always on others. The students could feel his genuine love for them," said Thrasher.

The John O' Sullivan Family

Alumnus Steve Rundus (ME,'96) was one of the students whose life was deeply affected by John, and John's wife, Mary. "They freely gave of what the Lord had blessed them with financially, but more importantly, through their time. They will never know how important opening their home was to us," said Rundus.

John O'Sullivan passed away in 1998, but his life continues through the legacy he left our students.

Rundus characterizes that legacy this way, "John's life was an example of how there should be no separation between your spiritual life and professional life. He was not a physical therapist who happened to be a Christian; he was a Christian who happened to be a physical therapist."

John O' Sullivan, 1953-1998

Another alumnus, Megan Ettinger (EN,'97), shared, "My husband, Joshua (EE,'96) and I want to continue the legacy of hospitality modeled by the O'Sullivans with our home being used for Christ."

John and Mary O'Sullivan were married for 15 years. Mary still lives in Longview with their two daughters, Haley and Ashley. Mary described her husband using one of his favorite scriptures, *All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose*–(Romans 8:28). "John's Christ-like attitude was his message. He was always others-focused, always positive, no matter what the circumstances. His heart was building relationships. He loved the students and they knew it," said Mary.

John's family has established a memorial scholarship in his name. Mary remembers how the scholarship idea was formed, "I knew John would not want a lot of flowers and plants that would not last. A friend suggested that because of John's love for LeTourneau students, I should consider starting a scholarship in his memory. I knew it was a perfect idea. You can do more to honor the memory of someone by doing something to help others than to send flowers or plants."

Mary expresses why she believes in LeTourneau, "I believe in the Christian atmosphere the university provides. Students who have not yet met the Lord are surrounded by caring professors, committed students, and a warm environment that can be a vehicle for them to know the Lord. Christian students can deepen their faith and not only grow spiritually but also grow as leaders in their chosen profession. If a scholarship can be a fruit of growth for a student, that is an eternal gift."

Gifts can still be made to the John O'Sullivan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship to help it reach the level necessary to begin awarding aid to students. You can use the envelope provided in this issue, or if I can help you with your gift, please contact me.

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